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## **Skillman names new director of the Office of Energy Development**

INDIANAPOLIS – Lt. Governor Becky Skillman today announced Brandon Seitz is leaving his position as director of the Office of Energy Development (OED) to serve in the private sector. Tristan Vance has been appointed to the position, effective February 20.

“Where we once lagged far behind, Indiana has become a leader in producing homegrown energy. Brandon’s efforts helped us grow as fast as any state in the areas of wind power, biofuels, clean coal and more,” Lt. Governor Skillman said. “I’m confident Tristan Vance will continue fostering success in this high-potential sector of our economy.”

Seitz joined Lt. Governor Skillman’s executive staff in 2005 after a prior stint on staff in the Indiana House of Representatives. He has worked in various capacities at OED and for Lt. Governor Skillman, including deputy chief of staff. He was appointed director of OED in 2008.

Vance previously worked as special assistant to the Lt. Governor starting in 2005. After a stint at the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, he joined the Government Efficiency and Financial Planning group in the Office of Management and Budget in 2007. There, he monitored efficiency at several state agencies, including OED. Vance is from Paoli, and is a graduate of Hanover College.

The Office of Energy Development is one of five state agencies Lt. Governor Skillman oversees. OED guides efforts to find homegrown energy solutions for, Hoosiers, our nation’s armed forces, as well as assisting and promoting economic development in Indiana in the defense and energy industries. Indiana’s strategic energy plan – Hoosier Homegrown Energy – when implemented in 2006, was the state’s first new energy plan in 20 years.

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